

REMARKS

This amendment is offered in response to the Office Action of November 15, 2002.

The Applicant has rewritten Claim 33 to obviate the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Additionally, the Applicant includes herewith a Rule 131 declaration to “swear behind” the Belmont reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,427,421) which overcomes the 35 U.S.C. §§102, 103 rejections of the pending claims.

The Applicant notes that the Examiner has found Claim 29 to include patentable subject matter. However, Applicant wishes to defer the possible amendment of Claim 29 until all other issues have been resolved in this application.

Furthermore, claims 34-62 have been copied from claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14-19, 22, 23, 26-32 and 35-37 of the above-identified U.S. Patent No. 6,427,421 for the purpose of provoking an interference therewith. Claims 63-74 have been copied from claims 1-3, 5-11, 13 and 14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,347,437 for the purpose of provoking an interference therewith.

An apparent erroneous dependency of Claim 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,427,421 has been corrected in Claim 39 herein.

It is noted that claims 1, 5 and 6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,347,437 have likewise been copied into a reissue patent application, serial no. 10/104,358 and a divisional thereof, for the purpose of provoking an interference.

The present application has an effective filing date of May 21, 1999, the filing date of its grandparent application which has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,138,439.

It is believed that an interference should be declared on five counts as follows --

1. Claim 34 herein;
2. Claim 50 herein;

3. Claim 61 herein;
4. Claim 63 herein; and
5. Claim 68 herein,

which correspond to Claims 1, 19 and 36 of U.S. Patent No. 6,427,421 and Claims 1 and 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,347,437.

The claims are supported by the present specification, including drawings (37 C.F.R. §1.607(5)), as follows:

New Claim	Support in Specification and Drawings
34. A method of manufacturing recloseable packages, said method comprising: providing a first wall panel opposing a second wall panel;	Paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5. Page 8, lines 1-4 and page 8, line 21 - page 9, line 2. Page 10, lines 5-7. Fig. 2, elements 16, 18, including elements 30, 32, respectively. All figures, particularly 15, 16, 17 and 19.
positioning a zipper between said first and second wall panels,	Paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6. Page 9, lines 9-12. Page 10, lines 7-8. Page 11, lines 15-17. Figs. 15, 16, 17 and 19.
said zipper including a first track with a first profile and a second track with a second profile, said first and second profiles being releasably engageable to each other,	Sentence bridging pages 5 and 6. Figs. 3 and 4, element 36 including elements 39-42.
and a slider slidably mounted to said zipper for movement between a closed position and an open position, said first and second profiles being engaged to each other while said slider is in said closed position, said first and second profiles being disengaged from each other in response to movement of said slider from said closed position to said open position;	Page 6, first full paragraph. Page 7, lines 13-14 and 19-21. Page 8, lines 17 and 18. Page 9, lines 9-12. Page 10, lines 8-11. Page 11, lines 5-7. Page 12, lines 13 and 14. Figs. 1 and 3-19 (other than 7a), element 44.
adhering said first profile of said zipper to said first wall panel;	Sentence bridging pages 5 and 6. Page 8, lines 8-10. Page 10, lines 12 and 13. Page 11, lines 15-19. Figs. 7a and 15.
forming first and second spaced side seals in said first and second wall panels to define first	Page 10, lines 14 and 15. Page 12, lines 2 and 3.

and second sidewalls of said package;	
adhering said second profile of said zipper to said second wall panel; and	Sentence bridging pages 5 and 6. Sentence bridging pages 8 and 9. Page 10, lines 12 and 13. Page 12, lines 6-8.
cutting said side seals to separate adjacent packages.	Page 6, last full paragraph. Page 7, lines 14-15. Page 9, lines 5-8. Page 10, lines 19 and 20.
35. The method of claim 34 further including a step of feeding a zipper arrangement between said first and second wall panels before positioning said zipper, said zipper arrangement comprising a plurality of said zippers connected in line with each other.	Page 5, line 17 – page 6, line 4. Page 10, lines 7-10. Figures 1, 3, 12-14 and 18, element 36.
36. The method of claim 34 wherein said zipper is positioned and said first profile of said zipper is adhered to said first wall panel before providing said first and second wall panels.	Page 7, last line – page 9, line 2. Figure 7.
37. The method of claim 34 further including a step of filling said package with a product.	Page 5, lines 5-6. Page 8, lines 4 and 5. Sentence bridging pages 10 and 11. Page 11, lines 8-12. Page 11, lines 14-17. Page 12, lines 3-5 and 20-21.
38. The method of claim 34 wherein said first and second wall panels are provided by folding a web of material.	Page 10, lines 5-7. Page 11, lines 5-7. Figures 13-19.
39. The method of claim 34 wherein said zipper is positioned at a mouth of said first and second wall panels.	Page 5, lines 17-21 & page 6, lines 1-4. Page 10, lines 7-8. Figures 3 and 4.
40. The method of claim 39 further including a step of filling said package with a product before adhering said second profile to said second wall panel.	Page 5, lines 5-9. Page 8, lines 4-5 and sentence bridging pages 8 and 9. Page 11, line 15 – page 12, line 8. Figures 15, 16 and 17.
41. The method of claim 34 wherein said zipper is positioned below and adjacent a mouth of said first and second wall panels.	Page 11, lines 18-19. Figures 15, 16 and 17.
42. The method of claim 41 further including a step of filling said package with a product before adhering said second profile to said second wall panel.	Page 11, line 15 – page 12, line 8. Figures 15, 16 and 17.
43. The method of claim 34 wherein said zipper is positioned at a bottom of said first	Page 12, lines 12-18. Figure 19.

and second wall panels.	
44. The method of claim 43 further including a step of filling said package with a product after adhering said first profile to said first wall panel and after adhering said second profile to said second wall panel.	Paragraph bridging pages 10 and 11. Page 11, lines 8-12.
45. The method of claim 37 wherein said side seals are cut after filling said package with said product.	Page 5, lines 5-6 and page 6, lines 16-18. Page 8, lines 4-5 and page 9, lines 5-6. Page 11, lines 1-4.
46. The method of claim 34 wherein said zipper has a tamper resistant element.	Page 9, lines 3-6. Page 11, lines 2 and 3. Page 12, lines 18-19. Figures 9, 17 and 19.
47. The method of claim 34 further including a step of mounting said slider onto said zipper.	Page 6, lines 5 and 6. Page 7, lines 13-14 and 19-21. Page 8, lines 17 and 18. Page 9, lines 9-12. Page 10, lines 8-11. Page 11, lines 5-7. Page 12, lines 13 and 14.
48. The method of claim 47 wherein said slider is mounted onto said zipper after said first profile of said zipper is adhered to said first wall panel.	Page 5, line 21 – page 6, line 6. Page 7, lines 13-21. Page 7, last line - page 8, line 18. Page 11, lines 5-7. Figure 13.
49. The method of claim 47 wherein said slider is mounted onto said zipper after said first profile of said zipper is adhered to said first wall panel and said second profile is adhered to said second wall panel.	Page 5, line 21 – page 6, line 6. Page 7, lines 13-21. Page 7, last line - page 8, line 18. Page 11, lines 5-7. Figure 13.
50. A method of placing a product in recloseable packages, said method comprising: providing a first wall panel opposing a second wall panel;	Paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5. Page 8, lines 1-4 and page 8, line 21 - page 9, line 2. Page 10, lines 5-7. Fig. 2, elements 16, 18, including elements 30, 32, respectively. All Figures, particularly Figs. 15, 16, 17 and 19.
positioning a zipper at a predetermined orientation,	Paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6. Page 8, lines 7 and 8. Page 9, lines 9-12. Page 10, lines 7-8. Page 11, lines 15-17. Figs. 15, 16, 17 and 19.
said zipper including a first track with a first profile and a second track with a second	Sentence bridging pages 5 and 6. Figs. 3 and 4, element 36 including elements

profile, said first and second profiles being releasably engageable to each other;	39-42.
mounting a slider onto said zipper,	Page 6, lines 5 and 6. Page 7, lines 13-14 and 19-21. Page 8, lines 17 and 18. Page 9, lines 9-12. Page 10, lines 8-11. Page 11, lines 5-7. Page 12, lines 13 and 14.
said slider slidably mounted to said zipper for movement between a closed position and an open position, said first and second profiles being engaged to each other while said slider is in said closed position, said first and second profiles being disengaged from each other in response to movement of said slider from said closed position to said open position;	Page 6, first full paragraph. Page 7, lines 13-14 and 19-21. Page 8, lines 17 and 18. Page 9, lines 9-12. Page 10, lines 8-11. Page 11, lines 5-7. Page 12, lines 13 and 14. Figs. 1 and 3-19 (other than 7a), element 44.
adhering said first profile of said zipper to said first wall panel;	Sentence bridging pages 5 and 6. Page 8, lines 8-10. Page 10, lines 12 and 13. Page 11, lines 15-19. Figures 7a and 15.
forming first and second spaced side seals in said first and second wall panels to define first and second sidewalls of said package;	Page 10, lines 14 and 15. Page 12, lines 2 and 3.
filling said package with a product; and	Page 5, lines 5-6. Page 8, lines 4 and 5. Sentence bridging pages 10 and 11. Page 11, lines 8-12. Page 11, lines 14-17. Page 12, lines 3-5 and 20-21.
adhering said second profile of said zipper to said second wall panel.	Sentence bridging pages 5 and 6. Sentence bridging pages 8 and 9. Page 10, lines 12 and 13. Page 12, lines 6-8.
51. The method of claim 50 further including a step of feeding a zipper arrangement between said first and second wall panels before positioning said zipper, said zipper arrangement comprising a plurality of said zippers connected in line with each other.	Page 5, line 17 – page 6, line 4. Page 10, lines 7-10. Figures 1, 3, 12-14 and 18, element 36.
52. The method of claim 51 wherein said zipper arrangement includes a plurality of sliders slidably mounted to said zipper.	Page 10, lines 7-11. Figure 12, elements 36 and 44.
53. The method of claim 50 wherein said zipper is positioned and said first profile of	Page 7, last line – page 9, line 2. Figure 7.

said zipper is adhered to said first wall panel before providing said first and second wall panels.	
54. The method of claim 50 further including a step of cutting said side seals to separate adjacent packages.	Page 6, last full paragraph. Page 7, lines 14-15. Page 9, lines 5-8. Page 10, lines 19 and 20.
55. The method of claim 50 wherein said first and second wall panels are provided by folding a web of material.	Page 10, lines 5-7. Page 11, lines 5-7. Figures 12 - 19.
56. The method of claim 50 wherein said zipper is positioned at a mouth of said first and second wall panels.	Page 5, lines 17-21 & page 6, lines 1-4. Page 10, lines 7-8. Figures 3 and 4.
57. The method of claim 56 wherein said package is filled with a product before adhering said second profile to said second wall panel.	Page 5, lines 5-9. Page 8, lines 4-5 and sentence bridging pages 8 and 9. Page 11, line 15 – page 12, line 8. Figures 15, 16 and 17.
58. The method of claim 50 wherein said zipper is positioned below and adjacent a mouth of said first and second wall panels.	Page 11, lines 18-19. Figures 15, 16 and 17.
59. The method of claim 58 wherein said package is filled with a product before adhering said second profile to said second wall panel.	Page 5, lines 5-9. Page 8, lines 4-5 and sentence bridging pages 8 and 9. Page 11, line 15 – page 12, line 8. Figures 15, 16 and 17.
60. The method of claim 50 wherein said zipper has a tamper resistant element.	Page 9, lines 3-6. Page 11, lines 2 and 3. Page 12, lines 18 and 19. Figures 9, 17 and 19.
61. A method of manufacturing reclosable bags, said method comprising: providing a plurality of fastener segments connected to each other, each of said fastener segments including first and second interlockable profiles, said first profile including a rib, said second profile including a groove for receiving said rib;	Sentence bridging pages 5 and 6. Figs. 3 and 4, element 36 including elements 39-42. Figs. 1, 7, 10, 12-14 and 18, element 36.
mounting a slider to each of said fastener segments,	Page 6, lines 5 and 6. Page 7, lines 13-14 and 19-21. Page 8, lines 17 and 18. Page 9, lines 9-12. Page 10, lines 8-11. Page 11, lines 5-7. Page 12, lines 13 and 14.
said slider being adapted to open and close its	Page 6, first full paragraph.

respective fastener segment;	Page 7, lines 13-14 and 19-21. Page 8, lines 17 and 18. Page 9, lines 9-12. Page 10, lines 8-11. Page 11, lines 5-7. Page 12, lines 13 and 14. Figs. 1 and 3-19 (other than 7a), element 44.
providing a continuous web of plastic packaging material;	Sentence bridging pages 4 and 5. Page 8, lines 1 and 2. Page 10, line 4. Figs. 1, 7 and 10, element 12. Figs. 12, 13, 14 and 18, element 82.
after mounting said slider to each of said fastener segments, successively attaching said slider-carrying fastener segments to said continuous web;	Page 10, lines 7-13. Figs. 12, 14 and 18.
forming said continuous web into the reclosable bags; and	Page 10, lines 4-15 and <i>passim</i> . Figures 2, 15, 16, 17 and 19.
filling the reclosable bags with a product.	Page 5, lines 5-6. Page 8, lines 4 and 5. Sentence bridging pages 10 and 11. Page 11, lines 8-12. Page 11, lines 14-17. Page 12, lines 3-5 and 20-21.
62. The method of claim 61, wherein said step of forming said continuous web into the reclosable bags includes folding said continuous web to form opposing walls of said reclosable bags and	Page 10, lines 4-7. Page 11, lines 5-7. Figures 12, 13, 14 and 18, see element 86. Figures 15, 16, 17 and 19.
sealing said folded web to provide the reclosable bags with respective distinct interior compartments for receiving the product.	Page 10, lines 14 and 15.
63. A web structure for use in a form-fill-seal machine, comprising: a web extending between a pair of free longitudinal edges;	Figures 12, 13, 14 and 18, see element 82. Figures 15, 16, 17 and 19.
a zipper arrangement including a zipper and a plurality of sliders,	Page 10, lines 8-10. Page 11, lines 5-7. Figures 12, 14 and 18, particularly elements 36 and 44 after element 88.
said sliders being mounted to said zipper at spaced locations,	Page 10, lines 8-10. Page 11, lines 5-7. Figures 12, 14 and 18, particularly elements 36 and 44 after element 88.
said zipper being secured to said web,	Page 10, lines 12 and 13. Figures 15, 16, 17 and 19.

said zipper being generally parallel to and located away from said longitudinal edges.	Page 11, lines 18-20. Page 12, lines 12-19. Figures 15, 16, 17 and 19.
64. The web structure of Claim 63 wherein said web is folded and includes a pair of opposing panels joined along a fold, said opposing panels including said respective longitudinal edges opposite said fold, said zipper being generally parallel to and near said fold.	Page 12, lines 12-19. Figure 19.
65. The web structure of claim 64, wherein said folded web includes spaced side seals generally transverse to said fold and joining said opposing panels.	Page 10, lines 14 and 15. Page 12, lines 2 and 3.
66. The web structure of claim 63, wherein said zipper includes first and second opposing profiles releasably engageable to each other and	Sentence bridging pages 5 and 6. Figs. 3 and 4, element 36 including elements 39-42. Also see Figs. 15, 16, 17 and 19.
a first fin extending downward from said first profile.	Sentence bridging pages 5 and 6. Figs. 3 and 4, element 40. Also see Figs. 15, 16, 17 and 19.
67. The web structure of claim 66, wherein said zipper includes a second fin extending downward from said second profile.	Sentence bridging pages 5 and 6. Figs. 3 and 4, element 42. Also see Figs. 15, 16, 17 and 19.
68. A web structure for use in a form-fill-seal machine, comprising: a web extending between a pair of free longitudinal edges,	Figures 12, 13, 14 and 18, see element 82. Figures 15, 16, 17 and 19.
said web having a c-fold located opposite of said pair of free longitudinal edges; and	Page 10, lines 5-7. Figure 19.
a zipper arrangement including a zipper and a plurality of sliders,	Page 10, lines 8-10. Page 11, lines 5-7. Figures 12, 14 and 18, particularly elements 36 and 44 after element 88.
said sliders being mounted to said zipper at spaced locations,	Page 10, lines 8-10. Page 11, lines 5-7. Figures 12, 14 and 18, particularly elements 36 and 44 after element 88.
said zipper being secured to said web,	Page 10, lines 12 and 13. Figures 15, 16, 17 and 19.
said zipper being located near the c-fold of the web.	Page 12, lines 12-19. Figure 19.
69. The web structure of claim 68, wherein said zipper is generally parallel to said c-fold.	Page 12, lines 12-19. Figure 19.
70. The web structure of claim 68, wherein	Page 12, lines 12-19.

said zipper is located at said c-fold of the web.	Figure 19.
71. The web structure of claim 68, wherein said web further includes a pair of opposing panels joined along said c-fold, said opposing panels including the respective longitudinal edges opposite said c-fold.	Page 10, lines 5-7. Figure 19.
72. The web structure of claim 71, wherein said web includes spaced side seals generally transverse to said c-fold and joining said opposing panels.	Page 10, lines 14 and 15. Page 12, lines 2 and 3.
73. The web structure of claim 68, wherein said zipper includes first and second opposing profiles releasably engageable to each other and	Sentence bridging pages 5 and 6. Figs. 3 and 4, element 36 including elements 39-42. Also see Figs. 15, 16, 17 and 19.
a first fin extending downward from said first profile.	Sentence bridging pages 5 and 6. Figs. 3 and 4, element 40. Also see Figs. 15, 16, 17 and 19.
74. The web structure of claim 73, wherein said zipper includes a second fin extending downward from said second profile.	Sentence bridging pages 5 and 6. Figs. 3 and 4, element 42. Also see Figs. 15, 16, 17 and 19.

Applicants' effective filing date is less than three months later than the apparent effective filing dates of U.S. Patent No. 6,427,421 and U.S. Patent No. 6,347,437. Accompanying this amendment is a Declaration complying with 37 C.F.R. § 1.608(a).

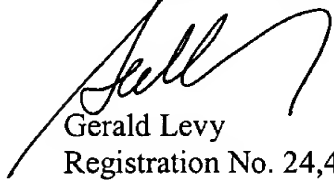
All of these claims are presented within one year of the issuance of the patents from which these claims are copied, thereby complying with 35 U.S.C. §135(b) and 37 C.F.R. §1.607(a)(6).

Pursuant to Rule 16, a check for \$1185.00 is enclosed for the claims added herein. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1145, Order No. 769-236 Div. 6.

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Early examination and declaration of an interference is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 6, after Title of the Invention, please rewrite the paragraph as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS. This is a division of application serial number 09/631,179 filed August 2, 2000, which is a division of U.S. Patent Application serial number 09/316,866 filed on May 21, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,138,439.--

In the Claims:

Kindly amend Claim 33 and add Claims 34-74 as follows:

33. (amended) The method according to Claim [28] 32 wherein [said] zipper cross-seals formed by said step of cross-sealing the ends of the reclosable zipper extend into [said] package cross-seals formed by said step of cross-sealing said folded film.

34. (new) A method of manufacturing recloseable packages, said method comprising:

providing a first wall panel opposing a second wall panel;

positioning a zipper between said first and second wall panels, said zipper including a first track with a first profile and a second track with a second profile, said first and second profiles being releasably engageable to each other, and a slider slidably mounted to said zipper for movement between a closed position and an open position, said first and second profiles

being engaged to each other while said slider is in said closed position, said first and second profiles being disengaged from each other in response to movement of said slider from said closed position to said open position;

adhering said first profile of said zipper to said first wall panel;

forming first and second spaced side seals in said first and second wall panels to define first and second sidewalls of said package;

adhering said second profile of said zipper to said second wall panel; and

cutting said side seals to separate adjacent packages.

35. (new) The method of claim 34 further including a step of feeding a zipper arrangement between said first and second wall panels before positioning said zipper, said zipper arrangement comprising a plurality of said zippers connected in line with each other.

36. (new) The method of claim 34 wherein said zipper is positioned and said first profile of said zipper is adhered to said first wall panel before providing said first and second wall panels.

37. (new) The method of claim 34 further including a step of filling said package with a product.

38. (new) The method of claim 34 wherein said first and second wall panels are provided by folding a web of material.

39. (new) The method of claim 34 wherein said zipper is positioned at a mouth of said first and second wall panels.

40. (new) The method of claim 39 further including a step of filling said package with a product before adhering said second profile to said second wall panel.

41. (new) The method of claim 34 wherein said zipper is positioned below and adjacent a mouth of said first and second wall panels.

42. (new) The method of claim 41 further including a step of filling said package with a product before adhering said second profile to said second wall panel.

43. (new) The method of claim 34 wherein said zipper is positioned at a bottom of said first and second wall panels.

44. (new) The method of claim 43 further including a step of filling said package with a product after adhering said first profile to said first wall panel and after adhering said second profile to said second wall panel.

45. (new) The method of claim 37 wherein said side seals are cut after filling said package with said product.

46. (new) The method of claim 34 wherein said zipper has a tamper resistant element.

47. (new) The method of claim 34 further including a step of mounting said slider onto said zipper.

48. (new) The method of claim 47 wherein said slider is mounted onto said zipper after said first profile of said zipper is adhered to said first wall panel.

49. (new) The method of claim 47 wherein said slider is mounted onto said zipper after said first profile of said zipper is adhered to said first wall panel and said second profile is adhered to said second wall panel.

50. (new) A method of placing a product in recloseable packages, said method comprising:

providing a first wall panel opposing a second wall panel;

positioning a zipper at a predetermined orientation, said zipper including a first track with a first profile and a second track with a second profile, said first and second profiles being releasably engageable to each other;

mounting a slider onto said zipper, said slider slidably mounted to said zipper for movement between a closed position and an open position, said first and second profiles being engaged to each other while said slider is in said closed position, said first and second profiles being disengaged from each other in response to movement of said slider from said closed position to said open position;

adhering said first profile of said zipper to said first wall panel;

forming first and second spaced side seals in said first and second wall panels to define first and second sidewalls of said package;

filling said package with a product; and

adhering said second profile of said zipper to said second wall panel.

51. (new) The method of claim 50 further including a step of feeding a zipper arrangement between said first and second wall panels before positioning said zipper, said zipper arrangement comprising a plurality of said zippers connected in line with each other.

52. (new) The method of claim 51 wherein said zipper arrangement includes a plurality of sliders slidably mounted to said zipper.

53. (new) The method of claim 50 wherein said zipper is positioned and said first profile of said zipper is adhered to said first wall panel before providing said first and second wall panels.

54. (new) The method of claim 50 further including a step of cutting said side seals to separate adjacent packages.

55. (new) The method of claim 50 wherein said first and second wall panels are provided by folding a web of material.

56. (new) The method of claim 50 wherein said zipper is positioned at a mouth of said first and second wall panels.

57. (new) The method of claim 56 wherein said package is filled with a product before adhering said second profile to said second wall panel.

58. (new) The method of claim 50 wherein said zipper is positioned below and adjacent a mouth of said first and second wall panels.

59. (new) The method of claim 58 wherein said package is filled with a product before adhering said second profile to said second wall panel.

60. (new) The method of claim 50 wherein said zipper has a tamper resistant element.

61. (new) A method of manufacturing reclosable bags, said method comprising:

providing a plurality of fastener segments connected to each other, each of said fastener segments including first and second interlockable profiles, said first profile including a rib, said second profile including a groove for receiving said rib;

mounting a slider to each of said fastener segments, said slider being adapted to open and close its respective fastener segment;

providing a continuous web of plastic packaging material;

after mounting said slider to each of said fastener segments, successively attaching said slider-carrying fastener segments to said continuous web;

forming said continuous web into the reclosable bags; and

filling the reclosable bags with a product.

62. (new) The method of claim 61, wherein said step of forming said continuous web into the reclosable bags includes folding said continuous web to form opposing walls of said reclosable bags and sealing said folded web to provide the reclosable bags with respective distinct interior compartments for receiving the product.

63. (new) A web structure for use in a form-fill-seal machine, comprising:

a web extending between a pair of free longitudinal edges;

a zipper arrangement including a zipper and a plurality of sliders, said sliders being mounted to said zipper at spaced locations, said zipper being secured to said web, said zipper being generally parallel to and located away from said longitudinal edges.

64. (new) The web structure of claim 63, wherein said web is folded and includes a pair of opposing panels joined along a fold, said opposing panels including said respective longitudinal edges opposite said fold, said zipper being generally parallel to and near said fold.

65. (new) The web structure of claim 63, wherein said folded web includes spaced side seals generally transverse to said fold and joining said opposing panels.

66. (new) The web structure of claim 63, wherein said zipper includes first and second opposing profiles releasably engageable to each other and a first fin extending downward from said first profile.

67. (new) The web structure of claim 66, wherein said zipper includes a second fin extending downward from said second profile.

68. (new) A web structure for use in a form-fill-seal machine, comprising:

a web extending between a pair of free longitudinal edges, said web having a c-fold located opposite of said pair of free longitudinal edges; and

a zipper arrangement including a zipper and a plurality of sliders, said sliders being mounted to said zipper at spaced locations, said zipper being secured to said web, said zipper being located near the c-fold of the web.

69. (new) The web structure of claim 68, wherein said zipper is generally parallel to said c-fold.

70. (new) The web structure of claim 68, wherein said zipper is located at said c-fold of the web.

71. (new) The web structure of claim 68, wherein said web further includes a pair of opposing panels joined along said c-fold, said opposing panels including the respective longitudinal edges opposite said c-fold.

72. (new) The web structure of claim 71, wherein said web includes spaced side seals generally transverse to said c-fold and joining said opposing panels.

73. (new) The web structure of claim 68, wherein said zipper includes first and second opposing profiles releasably engageable to each other and a first fin extending downward from said first profile.

74. (new) The web structure of claim 73, wherein said zipper includes a second fin extending downward from said second profile.